Nasal Naloxone/Narcan

406.1 POLICY

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau will establish that all Commissioned and certain Non-Commissioned members of the Thurston County Sherriff's Office will be trained in the use of Nasal Naloxone/Narcan and the locations of the Nasal Naloxone/Narcan kits throughout the facility while on duty.

406.2 GOOD SAMARITAN DRUG OVERDOSE LAW

Revised Code of Washington 69.50.315 states that:

(a) A person acting in good faith who seeks medical assistance for someone experiencing a drug-related overdose shall not be charged or prosecuted for possession of a controlled substance pursuant to RCW 69.50.4013, or penalized under RCW 69.50.4014, if the evidence for the charge of possession of a controlled substance was obtained as a result of the person seeking medical assistance.

a. A person acting in good faith may receive a naloxone prescription, possess naloxone, and administer naloxone to an individual suffering from an apparent opioid-related overdose.

A person who experiences a drug-related overdose and needs medical assistance shall not be charged or prosecuted for possession of a controlled substance pursuant to RCW 69.50.4013, or penalized under RCW 69.50.4014, if the evidence for the charge of possession of a controlled substance was obtained as a result of the overdose and the need for medical assistance.

1. The protection in this section from prosecution for possession crimes under RCW 69.50.4013, shall not be grounds for suppression of evidence in other criminal charges.

406.3 AUTHORIZED USE OF NALOXONE/NARCAN

Naloxone/Narcan may be used when you either witness, are advised by a witness or are called by a Commissioned or certain Non-Commissioned member who reasonably believes a person is in an opioid-induced state based on any or all the following, non-exclusive examples:

When either witnessed in person, advised by witness or inmate, or informed by radio call that a given person appears to be suffering an opioid overdose.

When observing drugs, drug paraphernalia, or any drug instrument associated with the individual and opioid use.

When the person is found to be unresponsive, there is an absence of breathing or the victim has no pulse, is unresponsive to a sternum rub, and has bluish lips or nail beds.

When a witness (or inmate) is present and gives information or evidence that would lead a reasonable person to believe the person is suffering from a drug overdose.

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406.3.1 SAFETY

The safety of the victim and Commissioned or Non-Commissioned members are paramount for the Naloxone/Narcan to be successful, therefore;

(a) Commissioned or certain Non-Commissioned members who expect to use the Naloxone/Narcan kit shall, whenever possible, employ safety measures to reduce the possibility of blood-borne pathogen exposure.

(b) Wearing safety equipment, mask with face shield and gloves, before administering Naloxone/Narcan.

(c) Disposing of the used Naloxone/Narcan container and safety equipment in an approved bio-hazard container immediately following its use.

(d) It is important to remember the victim can quickly become combative once the Naloxone/Narcan takes effect.

(e) Those who administer the Naloxone/Narcan need to be aware of their surroundings and be prepared for secondary threats

406.3.2 MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT

1. Maintenance

Upon completion of training, a Nasal Naloxone/Narcan kit will be made available to Commissioned and certain Non-Commissioned members. One Kit will be placed in each location: Satellite Court, Options, C Unit Master Control, Medical, and each Dorm.

2. Replacement

a. The Nasal Naloxone/Narcan kit has a lifespan of two (2) years, or as determined by it's manufacture. It shall be the responsibility of the Naloxone/Narcan Program Coordinator to ensure the deployed kits do not become expired. The program coordinator will contact the prescribing authority for the replacement of expired medication.

b. Expired medications in kits shall be returned to the Naloxone/Narcan Program Coordinator for replacement, disposal, and tracking.

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